

Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions

Cleanup West of Historic Palmerita Ranch Headquarters NEPA Number DOI- BLM-AZ-C010-2011-008-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

Proposed Action Title/Type Cleanup west of Historic Palmerita Ranch Headquarters

Location of Proposed Action: West of Palmerita Ranch Headquarters in T.11 N, R. 11 W, Section 17 (SE ¼, NW ¼), Gila and Salt River Meridian, *Palmerita Ranch*, AZ 7.5 Quadrangle Map.

Description of Proposed Action: Proponent would like to clean up materials of non historical value (including wood, tires, metal and a partially destroyed Caterpillar tractor).

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): *The removal of trash is consistent with the RMP direction of maintaining /enhancing existing visual quality (page 18 of the Kingman RMP).*

C: Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, (10) *Removal of structures and materials of nonhistorical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.*

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed (See Attachment 1), and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

I considered the proposed cleanup and have concluded that this project would have no adverse affect on natural/historic resources or values.

D: Signature

Authorizing Official: / s / Ruben A. Sánchez
(Signature)

Date: 2/01/2011

Name: Ruben Sanchez

Title: Field Manager, Kingman Field Office

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Tim Watkins, Archaeologist, BLM Kingman Field Office, 2755 Mission Blvd. Kingman, AZ 86401. Phone: 928-718-3757.

Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX. See Attachment 2.

Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting Rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	NO, the project involves removing trash from public land
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	NO, adverse affects to natural and historic resources is not anticipated as a result of the proposed project.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	NO, no known controversy exists regarding trash cleanup on public land.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	NO, no unique environmental risks are known to exist.
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	NO, trash cleanups on public land are common.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	NO, the project is located adjacent to the ongoing Palmerita Ranch stabilization project, however, no cumulatively significant environmental effects are anticipated.
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	NO, this will have no affect on the National Register-eligible Palmerita Ranch District.
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	NO, no known species will be impacted by the proposed trash cleanup.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	NO, the proposed project will not violate any applicable law.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	NO, project is located in an unpopulated, unincorporated area.
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	NO, consultation with affected tribes regarding stabilization work at Palmerita has shown that no known traditional cultural or sacred sites exist in the project area.
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	NO, this proposed cleanup is not anticipated to contribute to the introduction or spread of noxious weeds.

Approval and Decision

Attachment 2

Compliance and assignment of responsibility (Type Program or Employee): Tim Watkins

Monitoring and assignment of responsibility: (Type Program or Employee): Justin Brown

Review: *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

Prepared by:	<u> / s / Tim Watkins </u>	Date: <u> 02/01/2011 </u>
	Tim Watkins Project Lead	
Reviewed by:	<u> / s / David Brock </u>	Date: <u> 02/01/2011 </u>
	David Brock NEPA Coordinator	
Reviewed by:	<u> / s / Don McClure </u>	Date: <u> 02/01/2011 </u>
	Don McClure Supervisor	

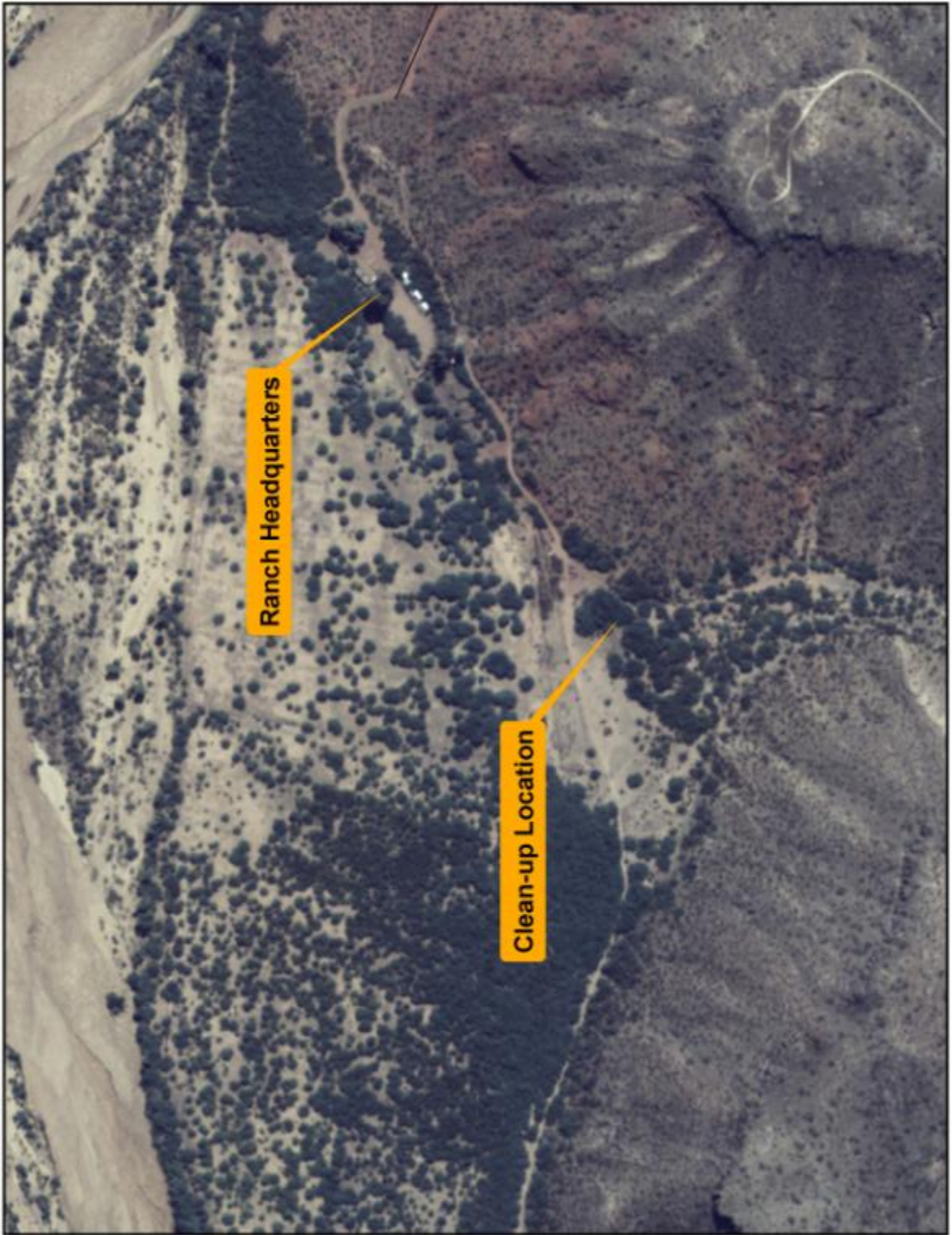
Project Description: *(cut/paste description of the project here.)*

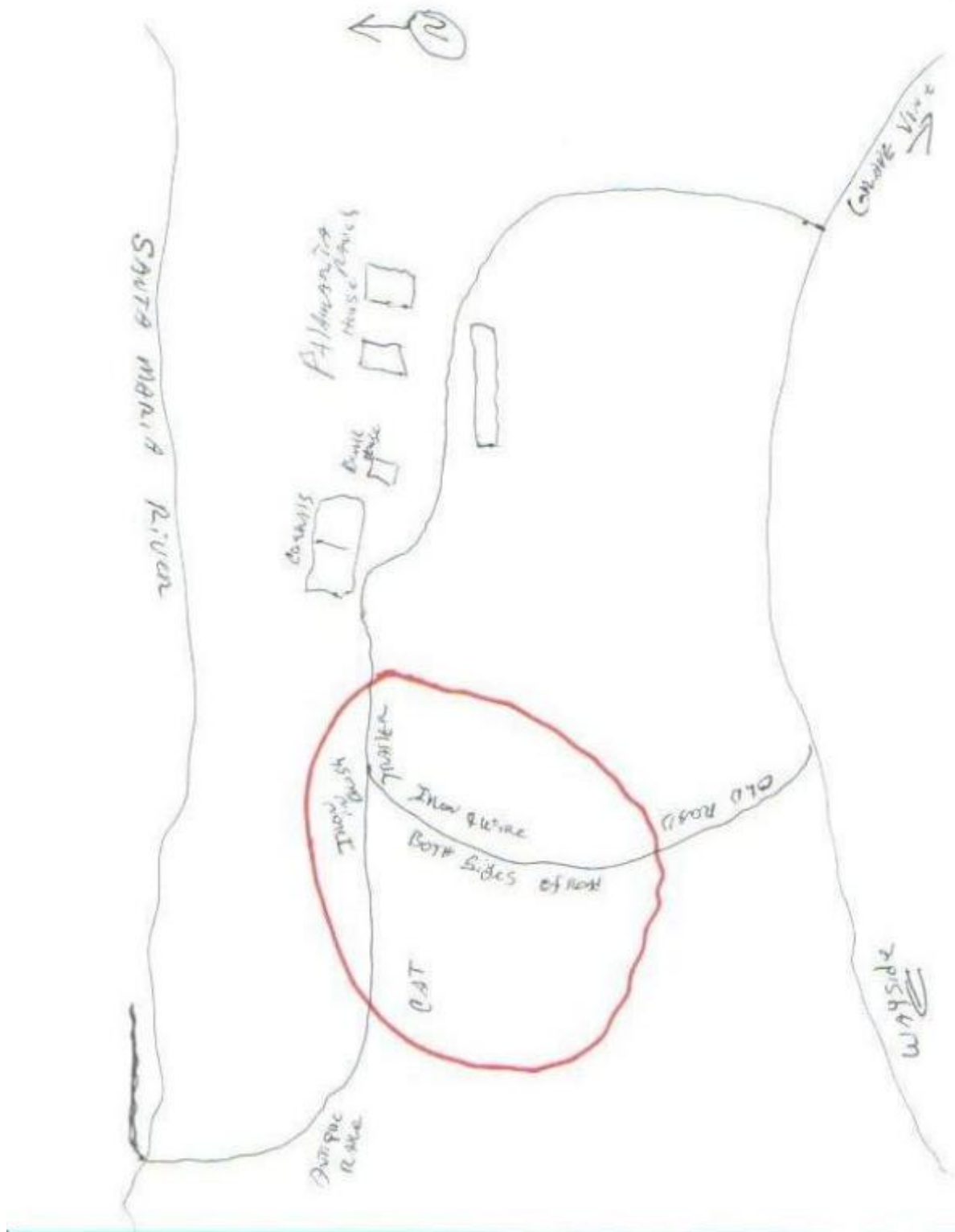
Decision: Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed, with the following stipulations (if applicable).

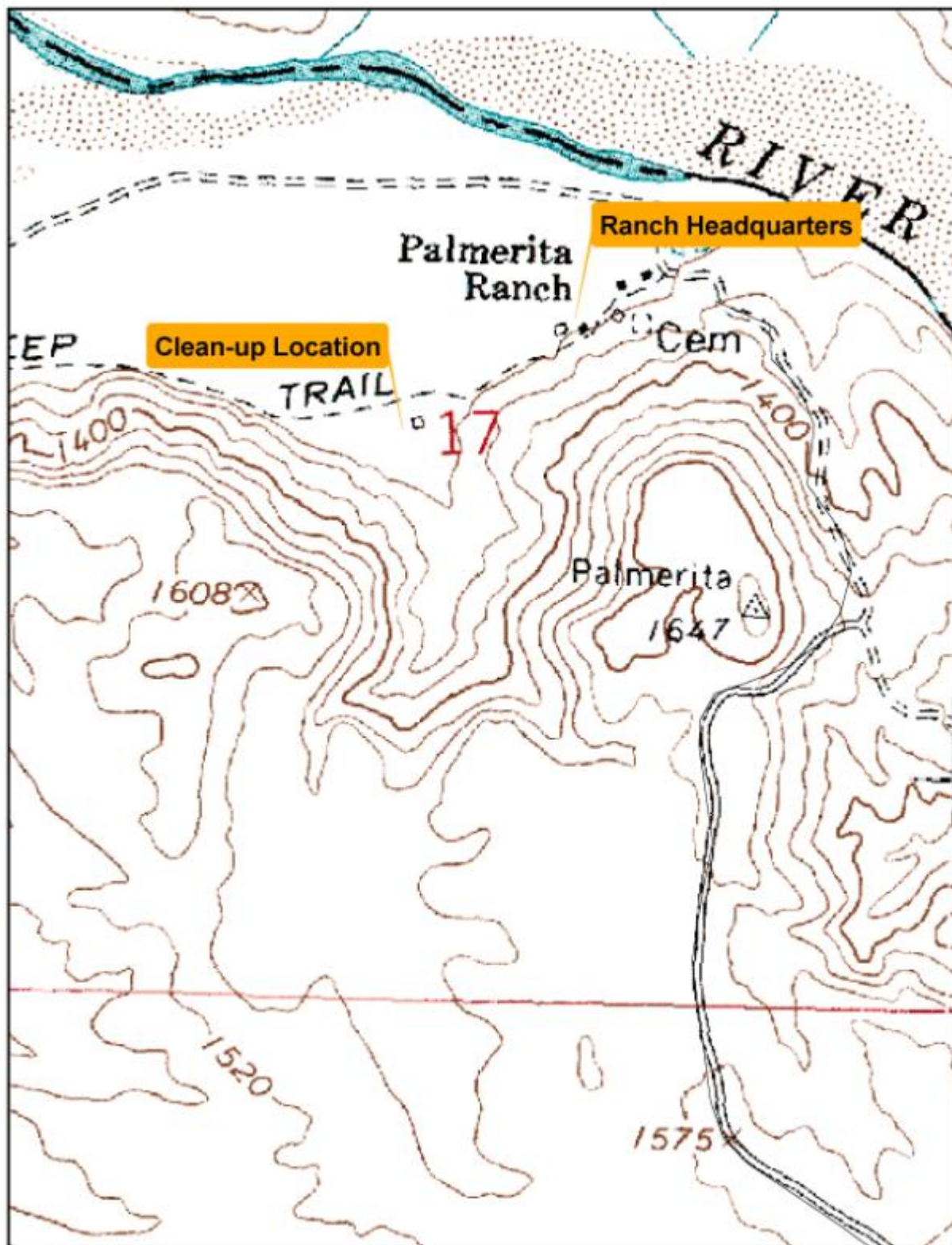
Approved By: / s / Ruben A. Sánchez **Date:** 2/01/2011
Ruben Sanchez, Field Manager, Kingman Field Office

Exhibits:

- 1) **Cultural Resource Compliance Documentation with Standard Stipulations**







KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

Proposal: Clean up of trash, including an abandoned vehicle, metal, wire, fence posts wood, etc west of the Historic Palmerita Ranch Headquarters..

DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2011-0008-CX S:/BLMshare: Palmerita Ranch/Clean up RMP Implementation No:NA

Applicant: Mr. Keith Webster

Land Description: southern bank of the Santa Maria River, La Paz County in Section 17 of Township 11 North, Range 11 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian

Authorization: 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, CX (10)Removal of structures and materials of nonhistorical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.

INVOLVEMENT: Indicate in the left column which disciplines need to provide information into the EA.

Needed Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
	Minerals	
	Range	
	Wild Horse and Burro	
	General Recreation	
X	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	/s/ Tim Watkins 2/1/2011
	Wilderness	
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Air Quality	
	Wildlife	
X	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals "No Affect"	/s/Rebecca L. Peck 2/1/2011
X	Migratory Birds /Eagles – Bald &Golden "No Affect"	/s/Rebecca L. Peck 2/1/2011
	Surface Protection	
	Hazardous Materials	
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	
	Visual Resources	
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
	Energy Policy	

Writer: /s/ Tim Watkins

Environmental Coordinator: /s/ David Brock

Field Manager: /s/ Ruben A. Sanchez

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